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Chief, D/A

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Executive Secretary, EIC

SO Collection of Information on East-West Trade

25X1A9a 1. Attached is a memorandum from the Secretary of the Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation. I understand that [REDACTED] discussed this with you in a very preliminary way, but that nothing definite was decided. Apparently a working group of the afore-mentioned Subcommittee decided that the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance should prepare requirements for SO for the collection of information on East-West trade. I disagreed with this, first, because the International Trade and Finance Subcommittee is in the process of preparing a survey to determine its primary requirements and should not stop at this time to concern itself solely with requirements for SO relating to this one subject, and, second, because SO requirements on East-West trade involve a great deal more than the subject of international trade and finance.

25X1A9a 2. In line with our conversation at lunch the other day with Messrs. Amory, [REDACTED] it seems to me that this would appropriately be a subject for the proposed Intelligence Working Group within the EDAC structure. That group should know the primary requirements for SO collection on East-West trade intelligence.

3. If you agree with this, I suggest you hold the attached memorandum as one of the first matters of business for the new Intelligence Group. If you have any other suggestions please give me a ring and I'll drop down and chat with you about them.

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